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U.S. Turns Down China Counter-Proposal After Chou Rejects U.N. Peace Plan

US Expects UN Support on China Plan; Nehru Asks 'Soft' Policy

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (Reuter). — U.S. Government officials and Congressmen expected Communist China's reply to the Korean cease-fire proposals would strengthen U.S. moves to have China branded an aggressor.

The reply was regarded in official circles as a foregone conclusion. Senator Tom Connally, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, told Reuter, "I am not surprised. It was anticipated."

INDIA: India's Jawaharlal Nehru warned in Paris tonight that to brand China an aggressor in Korea would halt and bar the door to peaceful settlement in the Far East.

LAKE SUCCESS: U.N. delegates and high officials began conferring today on what their next move should be in view of Peking's reply to the five-point plan for Korea. The U.S. delegation was consulting Washington as well as other delegations to the U.N., to decide when and how the Political Committee can deal with the new situation.

PARIS: A French Foreign Ministry official tonight described as "regrettable" the Chinese rejection of the cease-fire proposals. "This proves the intention of the Chinese Communists is not to seek a rapid and peaceful solution of the conflict," he said.

LONDON: China's reply has virtually ruled out the hope of a negotiated settlement of the Korean incident, it was feared in diplomatic quarters here.

British observers summed up the latest Chinese conditions for a cease-fire as representing both a restatement of those issued by Chinese Foreign Minister Chou En Lai on December 22 and an important hardening of the Chinese attitude.

Acheson Denies Cease-Fire Programme was Appeasement

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, (UP). — Secretary of State Dean Acheson today rejected Congressional criticism that U.S. approval of the U.N. cease-fire plan for Korea was "appeasement."

Mr. Acheson commented on the truce proposal at a news conference a few minutes before Tokyo dispatches revealed that Communist China had rejected it. He said the American government had not committed itself in advance on any of the questions that would be discussed in the Far Eastern Peace conference as proposed by the U.N.

Earlier, the State Department endeavoured to ward off new complaints by sending top em
tel Hill to explain American support for the peace resolution, and Mr. Acheson himself made several telephone calls to Senators. The Department pointed out that:

Firstly, the U.S., in voting for the plan, acted on the assumption that China would reject it.

Secondly, the U.S. was following its policy of leaving the door open to any bona fide peace offer.

Thirdly, American policy against the admission of Communist China to the U.N. remains unchanged and such a move would be opposed in a Far Eastern conference.

Fourthly, the U.S. recognizes that the Formosa issue is before the U.N. and continues to oppose handing the island over to Peking.

Fifthly, if and when Communist China rejects the peace plan, the wavering powers in the U.N. can be lined up quicker for the support of the American plan to brand China as an aggressor in Korea and to invoke stiff economic and diplomatic sanctions against the Communists.

Sixthly, the Far Eastern conference proposal would include not only the U.S., Communist China and Russia, but also other U.N. member governments, thus providing discussion — nothing more — of Asiatic problems under U.N. sponsorship.

Eisenhower in Rome During Press Strike

ROME, Wednesday (Reuter). — General Dwight D. Eisenhower, North Atlantic Supreme Commander, flew into Rome from Lisbon tonight to discuss defence plan with the Italian authorities.

Italy was almost without newspapers today as fully mobilised armed police forces patrolled the streets of the main cities. Printers went on a 24-hour-strike last night at the call of both Communist and non-Communist unions to back higher wage claims.

The Supreme Commander will stay two nights in Rome. He will first meet the Italian Chiefs-of-Staff for talks and later Premier Alcide de Gasperi and the Defence, Foreign and Treasury ministers.

Bevan Promoted To Labour Chief

LONDON, Thursday (AP). — A Cabinet shake-up today gave fiery Aneurin Bevan the key post of Minister of Labour and National Service.

The reshuffle, seen here as a promotion for Bevan, gave the stormy petrel of British politics the portfolio now held by Mr. George Isaacs.

Bevan's Health Ministry went to Minister of Pensions Mr. Hilary Adair Marquand, and Isaacs took over Marquand's Pensions post. The Health Ministry will now have severely trimmed functions and its Minister will no longer be a Cabinet member.

Bevan's shift to Labour comes at a time when a full-scale British rearmament drive has started. The programme almost certainly will be accompanied by the re-introduction of some wartime controls including limited labour direction — a thing which has never been popular with British workers.

Bevan himself has a big personal following in the Labour movement. Mr Attlee may well have calculated that Bevan, better than most other members of the Cabinet, will be able to handle any popular dissatisfaction which may arise. Labour unrest is on the cards. Only last fall the powerful Trades Union Congress called for an end to the country's longtime wage freeze. A series of wage demands by powerful labour unions, which normally back the government's policies, is now pending.

Bevan stands to win or lose a lot in his new post. If he makes a success of it his chances of getting to be Britain's Prime Minister eventually will increase. If he fails, his personal popularity in the Labour Movement may decrease together with his left-wing influence in the Cabinet.

U.N. Patrols Search For Communists

TOKYO, Wednesday (Reuter) — U.N. patrols spent today looking for the "lost enemy" in the cold and foggy no-man's-land before their lines in Korea. For the second day running, the front was strangely quiet, with the main body of the northern forces everywhere out of contact.

A U.N. military source described the situation on the newly-straightened central front below Wonju as "very similar to that of last November when the enemy launched his Chongchon River offensive."

Two Slight Clashes

Two slight clashes were reported in the West below Suwon, temporarily captured by U.N. patrols. About 20 Communist casualties were claimed. Yongwol, 50 kms. south-east of Wonju, scene of fighting for the past three days, was still reported in U.N. hands.

In the centre, the main concentration of U.N. troops were standing ready in their new positions in the Sobaek hills to defend the two vital mountain passes, about 100 kms. north of Taegu, their H.Q. in the southeast. Command of these passes—only main road routes through the central mountain range — would enable the Communists to fan out south of the Naktong River.

Vietminh Counter French Assault

HANOI, Wednesday (Reuter) —Vietminh insurgents have launched a big new counter-attack on the northwest Tongking front where a battle is raging 50 kilometres from Hanoi, capital of the delta in North Indo-China, it was announced today.

The French have unofficially called for two aircraft carriers—one British and one American — to help them fight the battle, but this is denied in Paris.

Late reports said that Vietminh forces were in full retreat towards the Chinese border from the fort of Vinh Yen, 40 kms. northwest of Hanoi. Vinh Yen appeared to be firmly in French hands.

Nine Vietminh battalions were engaged in yesterday's thrust which cut the Huongcan-Vinh Yen road. French officers said. Another seven were held in reserve.

Soviet Troops Enter French Berlin Zone

BERLIN, Wednesday (Reuter). — Armed Soviet Army soldiers today moved across the French-Soviet boundary in north Berlin and took up guard positions. French occupation forces were alerted.

The Soviet authorities made a similar attempt to move into the British and French sectors of Berlin in October of last year. But later withdrew the sentries.

Today they moved guard boards put up by West Germans authorities marking the limit of the Soviet sector.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday. — The Peking regime tonight rejected the U.N. cease-fire plan for Korea and proposed instead a 7-power conference to be held in China that would discuss the immediate withdrawal of all foreign troops from Korea and of U.S. forces from Formosa and the admission of Communist China to the U.N. American reaction came swiftly in the form of a flat rejection by Secretary of State Acheson.

Mr. Acheson said the Chinese Communist answer as reported in the press "is a complete rejection of the United Nations cease fire proposal of January 13. The reported counter proposal is unacceptable to the United States government, and I have no doubt, will be to the United Nations."

His reply came with extraordinary speed, little more than an hour after details of the Chinese statement began coming in. Normally, State Department officials are extremely reluctant to comment in any definite way on statements by other countries which are known here only through unofficial despatches.

The Chinese reply, issued by the New China News Agency, was sent by Peking Foreign Minister Chou En Lai to the chairman of the U.N. Political Committee, which approved the proposals on January 13 and directed that they be sent to Communist China.

The reply maintained that the "principle of a cease-fire first and negotiations later is only advantageous to the maintenance and extension of aggression by the United States and cannot possibly lead to a genuine peace. Therefore, the People's Republic of China cannot agree to these principles."

Foreign Minister Chou En Lai's answer reads: "Mr. David Owen, Acting Secretary General of the United Nations, New York. For transmission to Mr. Roberto Urdaneta Arbeláez, Chairman of the First Committee of the United Nations Assembly:

"I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of the statement of the principles concerning the Korean and other Far Eastern problems which was transmitted by Mr. Owen on January 13, 1951, on behalf of the chairman of the First Committee of the General Assembly.

"In the name of the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China, I hereby reply as follows:

1. The Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China has always maintained, and still maintains, that a speedy conclusion of the war in Korea should be sought through negotiations among the nations concerned for a peaceful settlement of the Korean problem on the basis of a withdrawal from Korea of all foreign troops and of the solution of the internal affairs of Korea by the Korean people themselves, that the U.S. armed forces must be withdrawn from Taiwan and that the representatives of the People's Republic of China must obtain their legitimate status in the U.N.

"As is well known to all, these principles were mentioned in my statement of December 22, 1950, and were communicated by cable on the same day to Mr. Entezam, President of the U.N. General Assembly.

Basic Point

2. The First Committee of the U.N. General Assembly, without participation of the representative of the People's Republic of China, adopted on January 3, 1951, the principles concerning the Korean and other Far Eastern problems.

"The basic point of these principles is still that negotiations among the nations concerned should be held only after a cease-fire in Korea. The purpose of the cease-fire is merely to obtain a breathing space for the U.S. troops; therefore, no matter what the agenda and the substance of the negotiations are, if a cease-fire should be arranged without being preceded by negotiations to determine the conditions for a cease-fire, the negotiations after the cease-fire would be drawn out in endless discussion without solving any problems.

"Apart from this basic point, the other principles were also ambiguous. Furthermore, the so-called 'existing international obligations' were not clearly specified as the Cairo Declaration and the Potsdam Declaration.

"This would be more favourable to the attempts to justify the maintenance by the U.S. of the aggressive position in Korea, Taiwan and other places in the Far East.

"We understand very well that it was out of a desire for peace that many nations in the U.N. agreed to these principles as adopted by the First Committee on January 13, 1951, but it must be pointed out that the principle of a cease-fire first and negotiations later is only advantageous to the maintenance and the extension of aggression by the U.S. and cannot positively lead to a genuine peace.

"Therefore, the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China cannot agree to this principle.

3. In order that the Korean problem and the other major problems concerning Asia may be easily achieve a peaceful solution, I now propose to the U.N. in the name of the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China:

a) That negotiations among the nations concerned be conducted on the basis of agreeing to the withdrawal of all foreign troops from Korea and a solution of the internal affairs of Korea by the Korean people, so that war in Korea may be brought to a speedy end.

b) That the subjects for negotiations must include withdrawal of the U.S. forces from Taiwan and the Taiwan straits and other problems concerning the Far East.

c) That the nations participating in the negotiations be the seven nations — the People's Republic of China, the U.S.S.R., the United Kingdom, the U.S., France, India and Egypt — and the legitimate status of the People's Republic of China in the U.N. be established.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

The meeting between the Soviet Ambassador in London, Mr. Zarubin, and Mr. Eden, Foreign Secretary, which took place at the latter's request, lasted for nearly an hour. Mr. Eden's request was made after the Soviet Ambassador had returned from a visit to Moscow.

Powers Asked to Ensure Swift Payment of Claims on Germany

LONDON, Wednesday (Reuter). — The Israel note asking for consideration of reparation claims on Germany is being studied at the British Foreign Office, a spokesman said today.

At Hakirya, the Foreign Minister announced that the note, also transmitted to the U.S., France and the U.S.S.R., asked the four Occupation Powers to take steps to "ensure the speedy and effective settlement of the claims."

Dwelling on the fearful havoc wrought by Germany on the Jews, on the six million Jewish victims of the Nazi extermination policy and on the destruction of the Jewish communities in Europe, the note stresses the fact that nearly six years after Germany's surrender the legal provisions enacted by the occupation authorities have remained largely unfulfilled, the statement revealed. It also requests that the powers conferred by these laws shall be retained by the occupation authorities.

"The note further emphasizes that many inhabitants of Israel have claims for restitution and indemnification for whose satisfaction no adequate legalization has yet been enacted in Germany. As a country which has absorbed a very large number of Jewish immigrants from Germany and from the displaced persons camps, Israel has a special interest in the satisfaction of these claims.

"Israel further considers it its duty to give its official support to the legitimate individual claims of many of the inhabitants in respect of physical injuries sustained in Germany prior to World War II and for sufferings inflicted by Nazi Germany and her satellites during the war.

Special Arrangements

"For the above reasons the Government of Israel addresses itself to the Occupation Powers and requests them to confer upon the occupation authorities all the legal machinery to ensure a speedy and effective settlement of these claims. The Government of Israel would welcome it if special arrangements could be made by authorities the Occupation Powers to retain decisive influence in the matter.

"For this purpose it appears necessary that a special law be enacted covering all and each of the German Laender, to which the present arbitrary restrictions regarding dates and causes for putting in such claims do not apply. Among other matters, such a general law should prevent claims of Nazi victims from being declared invalid because the claim left the place where the offence was committed after a certain date and now resides outside Germany.

"The note further stresses that the Jewish claims against Germany include claims for damage to property and assets of Jewish communities and Jewish institutions and houses destroyed outside that country which cannot be made good except by a comprehensive law of restitution and indemnification. It is only by the enactment of such legislation, the note stresses, that the way can be paved for the satisfaction of such claims which are put forward not only in the name of the State of Israel but of the Jewish people as a whole.

"The note further points out that the whole handling of Jewish claims against Germany is rendered illusory by the fact that no legal facilities exist so far for the transfer of property and payments from Germany. The restrictions imposed by Germany on the transfer of goods and currency abroad can, on moral grounds, not apply to the claims of the victims of Nazi persecution. As long as no legal facilities for transfer are established Germany does in effect benefit from the mass murder and rapine of the Nazis.

"Finally, the note states that apart from the satisfaction of individual claims the Government of Israel reserves to itself the right to put forward a general claim in respect of wholesale destruction of European Jewry by Nazi Germany."

Iraq Bans Emigration

The government of Iraq has officially announced its decision to ban the emigration of Jews to Israel as from March 1, according to the Baghdad correspondent of the Near East (British) Arab Broadcasting Station.

The correspondent said that 92,000 Iraqi Jews have so far registered for migration to Israel and have lost thereby their citizenship.

(Thirty-one thousand Iraqi Jews arrived in Israel during 1950 and a further 32,000 were due to arrive in the first three months of this year).

EGYPT THREAT TO QUIT U.K. TALKS

CAIRO, Wednesday (Reuter) —The Minister of Finance said today that the Egyptian delegation to the sterling talks in London may be ordered to return home unless they receive a satisfactory reply to Egypt's latest proposals.

The newspaper "El Misri" said the discussion would be broken off if Britain did not accept Egypt's final proposals in the next 24 hours.

There was no official confirmation in London today of the Cairo statement.

While circles close to the negotiations believed that little progress had been made so far towards finding a permanent or long term solution to the problem of the balances, they doubted whether Egypt was seriously threatening to break off the talks.

Egypt Minister Of Justice Resigns

CAIRO, Wednesday (AFP). — Abdel Fattah Tawil Pasha, Egyptian Minister of Justice, is reported by a reliable source to have resigned.

Admiral Ahmed Badr Bey, C-in-C of the Egyptian Navy, who is standing trial in connection with the Palestine War arms scandal, has been dismissed from the office as Farouk's aide-de-camp, Cairo radio announced.

PLEVEN TO SEE TRUMAN

PARIS, Wednesday (UP). — The French Premier, M. Rene Pleven, will meet President Truman in Washington on January 29 and 30 to discuss Indochina and other problems.

FINNISH GOVT. CHANGE

HELSINKI, Wednesday (AP). — A new coalition government for Finland is expected tonight with Dr. Urho Kekkonen continuing as Premier.

Knesset Concludes Debate On Anti-Bribery Law

The moral standard of the Israel civil servant is much higher than that of his counterpart in the Mandatory Government, Dr. P. Rosen, the Minister of Justice, told the Knesset at the close of the debate on the Anti-Bribery Bill yesterday.

Nonetheless, there have been some cases of bribery, he said, although comprehensive figures on the matter were not available.

In the Tel Aviv district alone, during the period following the General Amnesty, Mr. Rosen said, eight men were brought before the courts for giving bribes, and three men for taking them. The bribe-giving charges were dropped, he said, after the Supreme Court reversed a lower court's conviction in one of eight cases on the grounds that the present law does not make giving a bribe a punishable offence.

Three other men were sentenced to 21 days in prison and fines of IL.300 and IL.400 respectively for giving bribes to police. The convictions were obtained under a special ordinance relating only to the police. Three similar cases are pending.

During the discussion of the Bill, Mr. M. Assaf (Ihapan) proposed that the bill be amended to include new types of penalties. Mr. I. Ben Zvie (Mapai), suggested that favouritism be included among punishable offences. The quashing of sentences passed by biased judges was proposed by Mr. E.M. Genichovski (Religious Bloc), while Mr. D.Z. Pinkas (Religious Bloc) suggested that the Government take stock of its employees' property, citing the Tel Aviv Municipality's practice in the matter.

Mr. Y. Bader (Herut), reflected that by instituting equal punishments for both giver and taker of bribes, the Bill automatically deprived the State of many would-be witnesses in bribery cases.

Sharett Disavows Proposal For U.K. Bases in Negev

A quiet session yesterday ended an uneventful business week for the Knesset. The Speaker, Mr. Y. Sprinzak, complimented the members on the conciseness of most speakers during the week's debates.

The Foreign Minister who asked yesterday by Mr. Y. Meridor (Herut) whether the British M.P., Ian Mikardo, had acted in concert with the Ministry for Foreign Affairs when he advocated, in the British weekly "Tribune" that Israel lease Negev military bases to the British, Mr. Sharett replied that he did not share Mr. Mikardo's views. He added that he could not sustain Mr. Mikardo's claim that Mr. Mikardo was one of the leading members of the British equivalent of Mapai, the Fouald Bloc."

Point-Four Aid

Mr. Wilner (Communist) pressed for a debate on anticipated American Point Four aid, as reported by some newspapers. Mr. Sharett, while accepting that proposal, suggested the discussion be deferred until the general debate on foreign policy next week.

Mr. Tewfik Toubi (Communist) claimed Arab workers in terms with signed application were deprived of work and existing leave pay because they could not register with the Jewish Labour Exchanges. He therefore asked that Government Labour Exchanges be set up.

Mr. Akiva Govrin (Mapai), said the facts could be viewed from a different standpoint but a full discussion was postponed until next week, when the Labour Minister, Mrs. Golda Myerson, will be present.

Mr. Y. Gill (General Zionists) took objection to the fact that medical aid to the settlement was entrusted to the Histadrut sick Fund, and not given by the State. The Minister of Interior, Mr. M. Shapiro, said that the Ministry of Health was responsible for hospitalisation and general health supervision, but that the citizens themselves pay the Kupat Holim and other institutions. He added that Kupat Holim was one of the best able to give that necessary service.

KNESSET PASSES CITRUS LOAN

The Knesset yesterday approved the IL.30,000,000 of the Development Budget for loans to citrus growers. The loans will be of IL.30 per dunam maximum, and are repayable, by eight years at 4½ per cent.

Mr. D.Z. Pinkas, Chairman of the Finance Committee, who introduced the bill for second reading, said the terms of the loans are the same as those provided in the IL.18m. appropriation which was made by the House for the same purpose last year.

Man Killed When Stalled Car Hits Post

HADERA, Wednesday. — Guiding his stalled car down a hill by walking beside the open door and leaning in to hold the steering wheel, Moshe Zaberko, 45, was killed here at noon today. He was taking his vehicle to a garage when the open door struck a metal pole at the roadside. He was hit in the chest and died immediately.

Zaberko, a veteran resident of Hadera, leaves a wife and four grown-up children.

Palmer to Take Part In U.S. Istanbul Parley

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, (UP)—Mr. Ely Palmer, American representative on the U.N. Palestine Conciliation Commission, will participate in the Istanbul conference from February 14-21 of U.S. Ambassadors assigned to the Middle East.

Mr. Palmer's presence would indicate there will be a discussion of the supply question—the agreement between Israel and the Arab states.

PALESTINIANS IN JORDAN LEAGUE TEAM

The Jordan delegation to next Saturday's meeting of the Arab League Political Committee in Cairo, will for the first time include a considerable number of Palestine Arabs. In addition to the Prime Minister, Rifa'i Pasha, who heads the delegation, two Palestine Arab ministers, Chairman Commerce, Anwar Bey el Khatib, and of Education, Ahmed Bey Tewfiq, will be Jordan's other delegates. Tewfiq recently resigned from Lydda Municipality where he headed the majority.

The Iraqi Premier, Nuri Es Said Pasha, arrived in Cairo today for the Iraqis meetings.

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Recent arrivals at the Sharon Hotel in Herzlia included the Marchese Raimon Giustiniani, Italian Minister to Israel, and Lord Nathan of Churt.

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Professor Henri Gregoire, Belgian authority on Oriental studies who recently lectured at the Hebrew University, left Israel by Sabena aircraft on Tuesday.

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Mr. John R. Wraight, First Secretary (Commercial) at the British Legation, was the guest speaker at yesterday's meeting of the Export Section of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Chamber of Commerce.

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Mr. John Popper, vice chairman of the World Federalist Association of Israel and a member of the 15-man Actions Committee of the peoples' World Constituent Assembly, has returned from the Assembly's first session in Switzerland, which was attended by delegates of 47 countries.

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Mr. Louis Mintz, president of the "Deserving Charities Organization" of London, and Mrs. Mintz yesterday visited the Neve-On Hospital of the Anti-Tuberculosis League. They were accompanied by Mr. A. Berman, the League's Secretary-General.

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Miss Irene Kanfer, French writer and correspondent of the Paris newspaper, "Combat," is at present in Jerusalem. She is on a three-week visit to Israel.

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Moetzet Hapoalot invites Pioneer Women and friends to a Tu B'Shvat Patry at 4.30 this afternoon at theHospitality Club, 49 Pinsker St., Tel Aviv.

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Mr. A. Dresner, Chairman of the Haifa Hotel, Restaurant and Cafe Owners Association, has left for Europe in connection with tourist development projects.

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An exhibition of "Wild Plants in Water Colours" by Ruth Coppel will be opened at 11 o'clock on Saturday morning at the Bezalel Museum in Jerusalem. An exhibition of landscapes from the Museum's Collection will go on view the following Saturday.

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MARRIAGE
WERTHEIM-RAUCHWERGER

The marriage took place at Raanana on January 16, 1951, between Chaim Wertheim, of Jerusalem, and Judith Rauchwerger, of New York.

Tribute to Dr. Ollendorf

Prof. Leon Roth yesterday paid warm tribute to Dr. F. Ollendorf at the Jerusalem Rotary Club.

Dr. Ollendorf had for many years headed the Community Service Committee of the Club and was latterly Chairman of its International Relations Committee. Prof. Roth spoke of his work in the field of social service and especially of his "inter-faith activity," in which he made sincere efforts to bring people of all communities together.

Prof. Roth addressed the Club on the need for a legal aid society, or "poor man's lawyer," to whom people who could not afford to pay legal fees could turn to in case of any "brush with the law."

Dutch Bank Expands

A 63 per cent rise in deposits is one of the salient features of the accounts of the Hollandsche Bank-Unie, N.V., Amsterdam, for the financial year to June 30, 1950. The total balance sheet figure moved from Florins 314m. a year ago to Fl.444m.; capital and open reserves stand now at Fl.18m. each.

In addition to the Haifa branch, a new office was opened in Tel Aviv in January, 1950. Business in Israel is expanding, and salaries and expenses were considerably higher, the report states.

SUPREME COURT CASES TODAY

Before: Justices Cheshin, Assaf and Silberg: (Motion 75/50): D. Shmuena (rep. by Sarigenia) v. D. Haruhi & Others (res. by Gensor); (C.A.104/49): Anglo Transport Co. Ltd., (rep. by Cantinar) v. S. Gross & Others (rep. by Teisler).

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Ma'abara Kids Get CARE Toys

RAMLE, Wednesday. — Children at the Ramle ma'abara had a belated Hannuka today when two big cases of American toys were brought to them for their communal children's centres.

The toys were gifts of the staff of CARE's New York offices who had read about the toy drive of *The Jerusalem Post* at the end of November and decided to participate. There were countless dolls, instruments for children's orchestras, games and crayons, and the camp authorities who have not so far managed to open the kindergarten, were quite overwhelmed at the sight of these unexpected presents.

One little Israel boy got hold of a toy trumpet when the boxes were being unloaded from the truck, and ran all over the camp blowing his instrument. The other children were less lucky—they were only permitted to look at the treasures, pending the opening of the kindergarten.

Sweets and Parcels

Together with the toys, Mr. Warren G. Lefort, head of CARE's Israel office, brought large quantities of sweets which were distributed to the children, and 50 food parcels donated by Mr. G. Zahle, of Dallas, Texas, to "immigrant families with children." So far, Mr. Zahle has contributed $9,000-worth of CARE food to Israel immigrants. Each of the 140 families will receive at least one tin of meat, and two or three tins of other foods, to be distributed by the Wizo representative on the spot before the Sabbath.

The ma'abara was established here a short while ago and most of its inhabitants are Iraqis. At least one member of each family is working, the manager said, but most families are very large and there are many who are fighting hard to keep themselves in the most essential food and clothing.

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Industrial Safety Drive

The campaign to cut down industrial accidents was intensified during recent inspection tours of factories, building projects, ports, ships and quarries carried out by the Control Department of the Ministry of Labour.

The Department's inspectors examined protective devices in factory instalments and evaluated precautionary measures taken by workers. They also inspected methods of storing gasoline; lighting and heating conditions; and sanitary facilities.

Control of working conditions, and especially of night working conditions, in Haifa port was increased since the beginning of the citrus season, it was reported. A physician will soon be assigned to the port.

Haifa Phone Lines Being Extended

HAIFA, Wednesday. — The city's telephone system is being extended following the arrival of a new cable recently acquired with funds from the U.S. Loan. The cable contains 1,200 lines — a size not previously available in this country.

With the installation of the new cable, pressure on the telephone services will be greatly relieved in the port and the Hadar areas. It will take two months' time to install. A new exchange is also being considered for the Carmel line.

Spa Skyline and Waterfront

The growing importance of Tiberias as a winter watering place and health resort confers general interest upon the exhibition of town planning schemes, sent in to the Competition organized by the Municipality of Tiberias and the Architects and Engineers Association, at the Technion, Haifa, in spite of the complicated technicalities of the problem set.

For the terrain is not an easy one. The area in question is 7 to 8 kilometres long but never more than 250 metres wide. Within that narrow strip, almost divided in half by the old town, the amenities of a health and seaside resort had to be planned without interference with historical sites and holy places which in fact could contribute to the picturesque.

The permanent population within this area is not intended to exceed 3000 souls.

Types of Building

Every competitor has allowed for hotels, sanatoriums, cinemas, concert halls, museums, villas for the 3,000, swimming pools and small fishing and pleasure tour harbours. Thus the crux of the competition turns not only on the best utilization of space (as in any architectural or town planning competition) but also on the layout and relationship of the different types of buildings and the skyline of the waterfront set against the hills.

All in all, the awards were made on points, the explanation of which would demand a longer article, rather than on a knock-out. The first prize went to J. Wolff, the second to Messrs. M. Harel and M. Oren, and the third to Mr. J. Richenbaum. —tt.

Swiss Football Champs Arrive for Contests

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — Fifteen members of the Lausanne Sports Club football team arrived here by air this morning to play a series of matches against local teams. The team was invited by Maccabi Tel Aviv.

They will play their first game at Petah Tikva tomorrow against a mixed team of Maccabi Petah Tikva and Rehovot. Their second match will be against Tel Aviv Maccabi, Israel champions, at the Tel Aviv Stadium on Saturday. They will play Hapoel Tel Aviv in Jaffa next Tuesday, and their last match in Israel, against a selected Maccabi and Hapoel team from Tel Aviv, at the Tel Aviv Stadium on Saturday, January 27.

The visiting football team are the champions of Switzerland.

ABORIGINES in Darwin, Australia, have struck for a basic wage of £7 a week. Now they receive £2 in government employ plus board, lodging, clothing, tobacco, transport and cinema tickets.

Nehru Asks Saigon Independence

PARIS, Wednesday (AFP). — Indian Prime Minister Nehru said his country has not recognized either the Bao Dai government in Indo-China or its Communist rival, the regime of Ho Chi Minh. He added: "We propose to continue that policy."

"The ultimate solution," he declared, at a press conference, "is for the Indo-Chinese people to be independent. The people must decide for themselves." He said the French agreement giving Bao Dai his authority "is less than independence."

Kashmir Dispute

Mr. Nehru reviewed the entire history of the Kashmir dispute between India and Pakistan and accused the Pakistan government of "aggression and atrocities." Mr. Nehru said India is demanding a plebiscite to allow the Kashmiris to determine their own future, explaining that the principal issue still in dispute is the nature of the plebiscite.

Mr. Nehru declared the military situation in Tibet is "not what might be called static." He said he knew of no new advances by Chinese forces from the east since the original invasion of the mountain-top nation.

(Dispatches from India tonight said that "senior military and civil" officials of the Indian Defence Ministry have begun an inspection tour of India's frontiers in the Himalayas. The dispatches quoted sources in the north as saying the Indian government is concerned at the complete collapse of Tibetan defences against the Chinese invaders.)

SHIPS IN HAIFA PORT ON WEDNESDAY

Bulbul, Tur., Sand, Barrels.
Kotka, Fin., Gen. Cargo.
Vingaland, Sw., Loads Citrus.
Hellenic Chrisoula, Pan., Gen. Cargo.
Silvore, It., Wood.
Yaffo, Is., Gen. Cargo.
Kedmah, Is., Loads Citrus.
Venetian, Sw., Waiting for Citrus.
Exilona, U.S., Gen. Cargo. Mail.
Herakles, Fin., Fodder, Gen.Cargo.
Ascona, Hond., Sea-Grass.
Commodore Grant, Br., Gen.Cargo.
Pine Ridge, Hond., Compl. Unloading.
Hadar, Is., Waiting for Citrus.

ANCHORED IN HAIFA BAY

Southern Island British
Borealis Danish

DEPARTURES IN PAST 24 HRS.

Palermo British
General Rivera Liberia
Abbazia Italian
St. Anthony British
Narsmo British

SHIPS EXPECTED

Date	Ships	Cargo
17	Oyrnafjall	Gen. Cargo. Mail.
17	Scio	Cotton-Seeds.
17	Gavriel	Raisins.
17	Aslaugund	Frozen Fish.
18	Pandanigo	Frozen Fish.
20	San Angela	Wheat, Soybean.
20	Dimitroy	Beans, Paraffin, Gen. Cargo. Wood.
20	Eugenie	Wood, Household-Effects, Gen. Cargo.
21	Transilvania	Immigrants, Household-Effects, Frozen Meat, Paper.
23	Marit Maersk	Barley.

SHIPS IN TEL AVIV PORT

Grunsell, Sw., Gen. Cargo.

SHIPS IN JAFFA PORT

Tilia Gorthon, Sw., Loading Citrus.

Jerusalem Cinemas

As 2, 6.30 & 8.30 p.m.

EDEN: The Big Hangover.
EDISON: That Dangerous Age.
ORION: Roseanna McCoy.
SEMADAR: Sahara (6.30 & 8.30 p.m.).
STUDIO: Letter from an Unknown Woman.
ZION: Whiplash (only at 3 p.m.).

STOCK MARKET
TEL AVIV

JAN. 17.	Buyers	Sellers
Government Loans		
3% due 31.3.52	100	100½
Pop. 48-49 (IL.10)	99½	100
Pop. (IL.100)	99½	100
Bk. Leumi Le'Israel		
"A" Ord. Sh.	135	—
3% Nat. Loan 1948/52 (IL.10)	132½	133½
(Large)	132	133
A.P.W. Invest.		
4% Debs. 50/70	87½	90½
4% Debs. 51/71	87½	90½
4% Debs. 60/75	93½	95½
4½% Pref. Shares	97½	99½
Gen. Mortg. Bk.		
4% Debs. 48/63	93½	95½
4% Debs. 49/64	93½	95½
4% Debs. 50/65	93½	95½
4% Debs. 53/67	93½	95½
6% Pref. Shares	107½	109½
Ord. Shares	109	110
Hizar Deps.		
4% 46/58	93½	94½
4½% 50/65 reg.	93½	95½
Nir Ltd.		
4% Debs. 37/51	97½	—
4% Debs. 39/59	—	99
5% Pref. Shares	70½	80½
4% Pref. Shares	72½	73½
4½% Pref. Sh. reg.	73	74
Pass Debs.		
4% 42/62	88	89
4% 40/64	89½	90½
Isra Ltd.		
5% Debs. 40/51	98½	99½
P.I.D.C.		
6% Pref. Shares	100½	100½
Ord. Shares	150	—
Afr.-Pal. Inv.		
Ord. Shares	125½	—
Rassco		
4% Debs. 41/56	96½	97½
4% Debs. 47/61	91	—
4% Debs. 56/63	94½	95½
Mort.-Sav. Bk.		
5% Debs. 59/69	96½	97½
Potash		
5% Pref. Shares	—	15/6
"A" Ord. Shares	16/-	—
Pal. Electric		
Ord. Sh. (Ldn.)	20/3	—
Israel Issue	32/-	—
Jer. Electric		
Ord. Sh. (Ldn.)	20/-	20/9
Mekoreth Ltd.		
7% Pref. Sh.	81	83
Ata		
4% "B" Pref. Sh.	100½	101½
4% "C" Pref. Sh.	102½	103½
Pref. Sh. "B" reg.	127½	129½
Koor		
4½% Pref. Sh. reg.	85½	86½
N.A. Binyan		
Ord. Shares	—	100½
Pal. Ctr. Trade		
5% Pref. Shares	81½	82½
Hamashbir Fin.		
4½% Debs. 47/61	96	97
"Atid" Navig.		
5% Debs. 50/69	78½	79½
Pal. Bearer Bd.		
Ser. 1	10,375	10,475
Ser. 2, 3	10,450	10,550

Where to Go

JERUSALEM

9-1; 2-5: Prints from the Eliel Collection; also other recent acquisitions; Exhibit of the Month; Japanese Colour Woodcut; Bezalel Museum.

TEL AVIV

2-8: Gouaches by Eliahu Sigard and Hanukka Lamps; Tel Aviv Museum.

8 p.m.: "Call Me Ciomka." Chamber Theatre; Mograbi Hall.

HAIFA

9 a.m.-5.30 p.m.: Theological and Scientific Library — Central Synagogue Bldg., Rehov Gilad.

10-1; 4-6: Municipal Museum, 3 Hassan Shukri Street.

8.45 p.m.: "The Suite": Lecture and Recital by Frank Pelleg (Purcell, Handel, Bach, Ravel); Moriah Hall.

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

JERUSALEM: Givati, Rehov Keren Kayemet, Rehavia, 2393; Almadim, Amudim Building, Jaffa Road, 3381.
TEL AVIV: Marpeh, 77 Allenby, 3487; Molchedsky, 7 Ben Yehuda, 3570; Volkovsky, 26 Herzl, 5157; Shlomo Hamelech, 78 Shlomo Hamelech, 6481; Alfenderi, 2 Yerushalem, Jaffa, 80807; Manor, 39 Bialik, Ramat Gan; Rambam, Givat Rambam, Givatayim.
HAIFA: Hechaluts, 12 Hechalutz, 2962; Anglo-American, 29 Hamalachim, 3505; Bialik, Kiryat Bialik, 7230.

Vienna (Nictioison) footballers were defeated by Athens Panionios recently 3-4.

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CENTENNIAL GAMES END ON A SUNDAY

Despite a request by cablegram from Prime Minister Sidney Holland, the recent Canterbury Centennial Games at Christchurch, New Zealand, ended on a Sunday. It was the first time that organized sport had been held in New Zealand on a Sunday.

Arie Van Kliet, Holland, three times holder of the world's professional cycling title, thrilled the crowd at the Saturday night events. From a flying start, he rode the quarter mile in 24.6 seconds, three seconds better than Albie Thomson's track record. He rode solo in a special attack on the record.

A few minutes later, Van Kliet outrode the field in the mile event. Stan James, Australia, ran Van Kliet close in the five mile race, being defeated by half a wheel in the time of 10 minutes 49.7 seconds. In the amateur five-mile event, Alan Bannister and Tom Godwin, England, were left to G. Hughes and Les Lock, New Zealand.

America's Olympic 800 metres champion, Mal Whitfield, blamed his war experiences in Korea for his series of defeats at the Centennial Games. He was released from duty in the Army Air Force to compete. Whitfield was due to leave this week for Buenos Aires to participate in the Pan-American Games. He said he expected to "be back with my Unit by March 5."

World Champ. Beaten

The first event on the final day, the women's 100 yards, provided one of the biggest upsets of the Games when world record holder, Marjorie Jackson (Australia), was beaten by her team-mates, Shirley Strickland and Marlene Matthews, in 11.2 seconds.

Ray Weinberg (Australia) won the 120 yards hurdles in 14.4 seconds from Don Halderman (U.S.) and H. Gehrdes. This was Halderman's eighth second place in the previous nine starts. Don Macmillan (Australia) won the 800 metres race in 1 minute 56.1 seconds, outclassing Ingvar Bengtsson (Sweden) and Roger Bannister (England), who were expected to have fought out the first place.

The coloured American, Art Bragg, of Morgan College, Baltimore, had his first win at the Games in the 220 yards final. He turned the tables on Australian Bill De Gruchy, whom he beat by inches in a thrilling finish in 22.3 seconds. MacDonald Bailey, England's star sprinter, was unplaced.

De Gruchy, however, beat Bragg by a yard, clocking 11.0 seconds in the 100 metres. Willi Sluyhuis was only two yards ahead of George Hoskins, New Zealand, at the finish of the 5,000 metres, which he ran in 15 mins. 4.8 secs.

Strickland Treble

Shirley Strickland scored her second win of the day in the 80 metres hurdles from Janet Shackleton, New Zealand, in 11.6 seconds and then completed a treble by a decisive victory in the 200 metres, beating Marjorie Jackson by two yards in 24.7 seconds.

HAPOEL MATCH AT JAFFA

The game, played at the Hapoel Field in Jaffa was weak. In the first half the Tel Aviv eleven rallied, but scored no goals.

The second half was a balanced match. In the 34th minute the Ramat-Gan-ites managed to drive in the winning goal, with Meyer, the right end, eluding the defence and passing to Raskin, the left end, who was waiting at the goal and scored.

SCOTS WHIP IRISH

LONDON, Wednesday (AP) — A representative team of the Scottish Football League trounced the League of Ireland combination 7-0 at Celtic Park, Glasgow, today.

Mrs. Dupont Takes Title Again

NEW YORK (AP). — Mrs. Margaret Osborne Dupont heads the U.S. women's national tennis rankings for the third successive year.

Mrs. Dupont, who successfully defended her title last September at Forest Hills, was given the leading position in the provisional ratings of the U.S. Lawn Tennis Association ranking committee.

The rankings are not official until approved by the U.S.-L.T.A.'s general meeting, but this procedure is merely routine.

One of Five Best Since 1941

Mrs. Dupont, who has been one of America's five best women players since 1941, won her third successive U.S. crown by defeating Doris Hart, 6-3, 6-3. Miss Hart was ranked second.

The men's ranking committee recommended first position in that division for left-handed Art Larsen, surprise winner of the men's title at Forest Hills.

The women's "top ten" has two new faces — glamorous Nancy Chaffee and Maureen Connolly.

Miss Chaffee, victor over Wimbledon champion Louise Brough in the Nationals, was ranked sixth. Miss Connolly was rated tenth.

'Gussy' Gone

They replaced, though not in the exact position, Gertrude (Gussy) Moran, who turned professional to tour with the Bobby Riggs troupe, and Dorothy Head, who played in Europe and thus was not ranked for lack of sufficient data.

The new top ten of women's tennis:

1. Mrs. Margaret Dupont, of Wilmington, Del. 2. Doris Hart, Jacksonville, Florida. 3. Louise Brough, Beverly Hills, Cal. 4. Beverly Baker, Santa Monica, Cal. 5. Mrs. Patricia Todd, La Jolla, Cal. 6. Nancy Chaffee Ventura, Cal. 7. Barbara Scofield, San Francisco, Cal. 8. Shirley June Fry, Akron, Ohio. 9. Mrs. Helen Pastall Perez, Encino, Cal. 10. Maureen Connolly, San Diego, Cal.

WIRELESS PROGRAMMES

TEL AVIV: 41.9, 48.5 & 320 M.; JERUSALEM: 407 M.; HAIFA: 249 M.

NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30 p.m., 6, 8.30 and 10.25 p.m.; English: 2 and 10.15 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 8 a.m., 2.15 and 7.15 p.m.; French: 3 p.m.

8.30 a.m. Service. 8.35 Exercises. 8.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies. 7.45 Oriental Music: R. Absar. 8.30 Close Down.

10.40 a.m. Morning Concert (R). 12.30 Operas (R). 21.00 Concert Hall: Beethoven Programme: Sonata No.1; Piano Trio. 21.45 Israel Folk Dances (R). 22.00 If. Break for Music (R.). 22.20 Agriculture) News. 12.30 Programme for Hospitals (R): 1.00 Children's Programme. 1.45 Housewives' Corner. 2.15 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Programme for Youngsters. 4.30 Sports (R). 6.30 Musical Miniatures (R). 5.00 Violin Recital: Orah Shalom. 5.15 Military Bands (R). 5.30 Recital: Sascha Turner. 5.45 "Geography in the News." 6.15 Language Corner. 6.30 Children's Hour. 7.00 From Worker to Worker: Talk. 7.45 Bible Reading. 8.00 Soldiers' Programme. 8.40 Commentaries. 8.45 "The Knesset and its Committees." 9.00 Kol Yisrael Orchestra. Conductor: Sharon. Soloist: Soprano: Lotti Kristal. 9.45 "The Economic Struggle" by Y. Rinott. 9.55 Where to, Go (Jerusalem). 9.55 Talmud Lesson by Rabbi Sheyli. 10.50 Piano Recital: Yehuda Bernstein. 11.15 Close Down.

Immigrants' Hour (33.3 M.): 7.00 p.m. Yiddish; 7.30 p.m. Ladino; 7.40 p.m. French; 8.00 p.m. Turkish; 8.15 p.m. Persian.

Kol Zion Lagola (32.3 M.): 12.00 Newsreel. 12.15 Request Programme. 12.30 Readings by J. Slater.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (31.32 and 24.53 M.): 6.30 News. 6.40 News Talk. 6.45 This Week's Tube. 6.48 London Letter.

ARMY PROGRAMMES (220 M. and 44.6 M.): 4.30 p.m. Programme Announcements. 4.35 Request Programme. 7.00 "Know Your Country." 7.30 Today's Events. 7.35 Guest in the Studio. 8.00 Soldiers' Programme. 8.30 News. 8.40 Interlude. 8.45 Tomorrow's "Mahrashon." 9.15 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

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Today's POST BAG

THE WEATHER

	*A	B	C	D
Mt. Cana'an	47	4	12	12
Haifa	29	—	21	22
Nathanya	43	10	21	22
Hakirya	44	7	21	22
Lydda Airport	40	7	21	*22
Jerusalem	31	6	15	15
Beersheba	22	3	20	21

Forecast: Bright and dry.

*A) Humidity at 5 pm. yesterday
B) Minimum temp. yesterday.
C) Maximum temp. yesterday.
D) Maxim. temp. expected today

400 demonstrated in Tel Aviv on Tuesday against the Baghdad bomb outrage on Sunday. A delegation was received at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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Yehushua Hazan, 50, butcher in the Ohel Moshe Quarter of Jerusalem, was sentenced to a month's imprisonment by the Anti-Profiteering Court yesterday, after pleading guilty to having forged 12 meat coupons last September. The Court refrained from imposing a heavier sentence because of the accused's family status.

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Adolph Yaacov, of Jaffa, was taken to the General Hospital in Jaffa after he was run down by an army tender while riding a bicycle in Salame Rd., Tel Aviv, on Tuesday. The driver of the tender, Sagen Avraham Nussbaum, was detained.

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Zone permits for private cars which are due to expire on January 31 will remain in force until April 30, unless a further announcement is made, it was stated yesterday.

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Immigrants wishing to bring in duty-free baggage must make a declaration in writing to the nearest Customs Depot. The declaration must specify the items, and must be made within two weeks of arrival in the country. Immigrants who have not so far made a declaration should do so as soon as possible.

Two-Trend School System Proposed

A standard basic non-party education, divided only into two groups — general and religious — was outlined as "the best possible scheme under the present circumstances" by Mr. D. Z. Pinkas, Member of the Knesset, at a press conference in the Knesset building yesterday. He said the scheme was his personal view, and not that of his Party or of the Religious Bloc.

This would naturally weaken the grip parties now have on education but he thought that the Religious parties would accept it because the scheme ensured religious education for the children. Mr. Pinkas did not know what other parties would think, but quoted the Prime Minister as favourable to some plan of this sort.

Ration News

JERUSALEM — Frozen fish: 300 grams "Place" of 150 grams Turkish. Shin Gimel 18; visitors, 28; tourists, 6. Bananas: 250 grams, cards Aleph and Bet, Zayin 28, distribution in zones 1-8. Carrots: 250 grams, 238 distribution in zone 8.

Weissfish Back And Will Be Tried

Liebel Weissfish was returned to Israel yesterday at Mandelbaum Gate. Weissfish, a member of the Natorei Karta, who fled to Jordan seven months ago, said he had crossed at Bet Safafa. According to his account, he was picked up by Arab Legionnaires and the police. When he told them that he had an "important message" from the Natorei Karta for the Jordan Government, they only beat and imprisoned him.

Weissfish said he started a hunger strike when his phylacteries were taken from him. They were returned to him three days later. He ate only vegetables which he prepared himself, to preserve *kashrut*, he claimed.

He was first imprisoned in the Old City, but later was transferred to the Bethlehem and Ramallah prisons before being returned to the Old City. After much pleading, he said he was taken to see Azme Bey Nashashibi, the senior Jordan member of the Mixed Armistice Commission, and told him about the Natorei Karta plan for the internationalization of Jerusalem.

Weissfish claims that he was then taken to Amman where he was put under house arrest together with an Arab Legion officer. He was given money to buy his own food. He remained there until he became lonely for his family and decided to return to Israel.

It will be recalled that several months ago, he refused to be repatriated after being brought to Mandelbaum Gate by the Arab Legion. It is learned that Weissfish will be tried on an old charge of failing to report for military service, as well as on a new charge of leaving the country without permission.

Two other persons — recent arrivals from Iraq — were returned yesterday. They are Avraham Ovadia, 25, and Helena Salah, 24, who wanted to return to Iraq and crossed the lines near Tulkarm last October.

Seven from Scopus To Be Reburied

The bodies of seven persons which had been temporarily interred on Mount Scopus were brought down yesterday by the regular fortnightly convoy which had taken up police replacements and supplies.

Four were soldiers who died in the fighting on Mount Scopus, including Dov Levy, who single-handed stopped an Arab Legion advance by knocking out an armoured car with a "Molotov cocktail," but was himself killed in the attack. The other soldiers were Avraham Shrizli, Eliahu Hanun and Yosef Shickman. They will be reinterred today in the Mount Herzl military cemetery.

The other three bodies were of persons who died in the Hadassah Hospital from natural causes and who could not be brought down earlier. An Army chaplain, Rav Seren Yitzhak Meier, and four assistants, accompanied the bodies to the city.

The second consignment of the Yehuda Leib Magnes archives was also carried down. The first group of items was taken down a fortnight ago.

Major General William Riley, the U.N. Chief of Staff, was present while the convoy was searched at Mandelbaum Gate before it proceeded across the lines.

The meeting of the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission, scheduled for today, was postponed at Israel's request.

CONVERT FREED

Avraham ben Avraham Avinu, the Arab convert to Judaism, who was detained by the police late last week after he illegally crossed the lines from the Old City of Jerusalem to rejoin his Jewish wife here, was released in Jerusalem yesterday. It had been expected that the authorities would deport him to Jordan. His ten-year-old daughter, Leah, who crossed the lines with him, will remain with her mother in Jerusalem, while the man's claims as to his rights to Israel residence are being investigated.

Police Find Cache Of Forged Dollars

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — Police discovered $5,900 in forged 100-dollar bills in the possession of a resident of the Eliahu Quarter on Monday. Police were led to the spot, it is believed, when a suspect surreptitiously discarded two bills as he was being questioned in the street by a policeman. He is a tourist from Italy who has been in Israel for six months. He has been under suspicion for some time and has been noticed frequenting the gold market and various clubs. The suspect from Yad Eliahu was today remanded by the Magistrate here for 15 days.

Police Headquarters have sent notices to the International Police H.Q. in Switzerland to be on the look out for forged IL.10 notes. As far as is known, no forged Israel currency has until now been found abroad. The only arrests made so far have been of five Arabs from Taiyiba, near Tulkarm. Four are charged with unlawful possession of the bills, and one is suspected of dealing in them. Their hearing is pending.

Passport and Stamps

At Lydda Airport on Sunday, a tourist from Tangiers was taken off the El Al Paris-bound flight for allegedly carrying a forged Swiss passport.

A new twist in the forgery racket was uncovered in Safad recently, were police report finding false commemorative stamps. The originals were issued after the capture of Safad and were intended as stickers on letters, stationery and the like. The only use to which the forged copies could be put now, it is presumed, is for sale to tourists and others.

Weapons Expert At Falik Trial

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — Mr. Arye Naftali, weapons expert of the police force, was the only witness at today's session of the trial of David Falik, charged with the murder of an Arab girl near Beersheba last year. The witness was examined and cross-examined at length on ballistic questions.

The court decided to ask the police force to carry out further ballistic tests, and Mr. Naftali was given 24 rounds, fired from four different rifles, which he is to examine.

Constellation Aircraft require 17 man hours of ground maintenance for every hour in the air, and not 17 consecutive hours as stated last week.

Betrayals to Nazis Alleged in Court

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — The session of the Magistrate's Court hearing war crimes charges were moved to a larger room today because of the crowds trying to enter. Today's testimony against Moshe Putshitz, the former deputy chief of the Jewish police force in the Polish ghetto of Ostrovice, sounded like chapters out of John Hersey's novel "The Wall."

Four men and a woman told the Examining Magistrate, Mr. C. Waldman, today of the betrayals and beatings allegedly suffered at the hands of the accused and his police. Mrs. Hanna Zichlinsky charged that Putshitz had driven her and 13 others out of the cellar in which they had been hiding, and had turned them over for transfer to the death camps. One of the main tasks of the accused was to ferret out Jews hiding outside the ghetto and place them in cellars to await shipment, Mrs. Zichlinsky charged.

The dead and the living were thrown on top of each other in these cellars, and Putshitz prevented any aid reaching them, Mr. Arieh Rosenblatt testified. The accused was in the habit of taking large sums of money for accepting men into the police force. He was also instrumental in turning over the well-known partisan "Aharoncik" to the Germans for execution, the witness continued.

Mr. Ephraim Pipek told the Court that the police chief had beaten him with a rubber truncheon. He had also struck him once when the witness tried to step out of a line-up from which persons were being selected for the death camps, Mr. Pipek said. The accused had removed his parents from the attic where he had hidden them, Mr. Izhak Bierenzweig, another witness, charged.

At one time the ghetto held about 17,000 Jews, most of whom were liquidated, the witnesses said. The accused served before the war as secretary to the club of Jewish parliament members in Warsaw, and in Israel worked as a Government clerk. He came to Israel two years ago with his wife and son.

Appearing as prosecutor is Mr. R. Dinari, the Tel Aviv District Attorney. Mr. I. Wirklich, and Mr. I. Ben-Jaminy are representing the accused.

Quarry Company Sued For Damages

HAIFA, Wednesday. — A claim for over IL.67,000 damages has been filed in the Haifa District Court by Dr. W. Zucker, his wife and 15-year-old son against the "Machtzevet Kvish Ruppin," quarry licensees and operators on Ruppin Road.

The claim arises from injuries suffered by Dr. Zucker and his family on August 27, 1950, whilst driving from Hadar Hacarmel to Ahuza. After having stopped near the quarry because of blasting operations, they were allowed to proceed. On driving about 30 metres, an explosion occurred, causing injuries to all three.

The son suffered several facial injuries and lost an eye. He has since undergone several operations at the Government Hospital here.

The claim is based on the Law of Torts. Dr. R. Gottschalk is representing the claimants.

'KOL HA'AM' ON CHARGE OF COURT CONTEMPT

A summons for contempt of court was issued yesterday against the newspaper "Kol Haam" in connection with the publication of an article on the Ittlov case now before the Haifa Court that was considered likely to prejudice the trial of the accused.

The summons was granted by the Supreme Court consisting of the President, Dr. Smoira, and Justices Olshan and Witkon, in response to an application by the Deputy Assistant Attorney, Mr. J. Kokia.

Merchants Fined For Iron Deal

Sentences of 14 days' imprisonment and fines of IL.500 were imposed yesterday on Israel Adler and Josef Ginis, scrap iron and building supply merchants, by the Anti-Profiteering Court in Tel Aviv. They were also ordered to deposit IL.500 each as a guarantee of good behaviour during the coming twelve months.

They were convicted of having bought nine tons of iron rods and 1,000 corrugated sheets from two kibbutzim, without permission.

Moshe Fegenbaum was sentenced to 12 days in prison and fined IL.150 for acting as intermediary. He was also ordered to deposit IL.150 as a guarantee of good behaviour.

It was stated during the trial that when inspectors visited the premises of the accused, they found a lorry loaded with iron rods parked outside the shop. Adler went out of the shop and told the driver to move on, but the lorry was detained by the inspectors who opened an investigation.

Adler was sentenced to an additional four days in prison for having torn up some documents whilst the shop was being searched.

Ayraham and Simon Aptovsky, cloth merchants of Disengoff St., Tel Aviv, were fined IL.75 each for having offered to sell cloth at inflated prices last November. They were also ordered to deposit IL.100 as a guarantee of good behaviour during the coming year.

The Court took into account the fact that when the offer was made last November, the Control Section had just begun operations and prices had not yet been systematically laid down.

'KEREN HOZALA' CASE HELD UP

The hearings on an application of Messrs. Alfred Salzman, Ltd. for an order nisi requiring that Mr. Y. Zar give reasons for demanding that the applicant pay sums into the Keren Hozala were adjourned in the Supreme Court in Jerusalem yesterday on the suggestion of the Deputy District Attorney. He requested that the matter be suspended in view of the possibility of the amendment of legislation relating to Keren Hozala.

The applicants argued that they were not required to make payments to Keren Hozala on the grounds that basic wage rises had consumed excess profits.

The Keren Hozala was set up some time ago as an anti-inflationary measure to absorb excess profits that might accrue when manufacturers failed to lower prices in accordance with cuts in c.o.l. allowances. Its proceeds are used to stimulate new industry that might bring down the cost of living by lowering prices.

Mr. Zur, who is in charge of the fund, had demanded payment from the company on the grounds that, whatever the basic wage, employers are compelled to pay into the fund in the circumstances outlined above.

The Court was composed of the President, Dr. Smoira, and Justices Olshan and Witkon. Dr. K. Stanner represented the applicant and Mr. C. Gluckmann the respondent.

West Winds Drive Off Locusts

Strong west winds pushed back swarms of locusts recently sighted at the southern end of the Dead Sea, "A-Difa" reported yesterday. As soon as the locusts were sighted, the Jordan government informed all neighbouring countries and the International Locust Office, the paper said. The movement of the swarms is being tracked by planes, it was said.

The locust fight was the main item discussed by the Jordan cabinet at the regular session yesterday and £5,000 were allocated for this purpose. Jordan had notified Israel earlier this week of the approaching danger.

AZZAM OPPOSES LIBYAN ASSEMBLY

CAIRO, Wednesday (AFP). — The U.N. High Commissioner for Libya, Mr. Adrian Pelt, conferred with Azzam Pasha, secretary-general of the Arab League, today in the course of his series of meetings with representatives of neighbouring countries. Azzam Pasha repeated his charges that the Constituent Assembly in Libya had no right to speak on behalf of the people.

In reply to an Egyptian journalist concerning the American air base at Mellaha, near Tripoli, Mr. Pelt said that it was up to the Libyans to decide what to do about it.

From Tripoli, the Constituent Assembly today sent telegrams to the foreign ministers of all Arab states protesting against Azzam's statements. The protest said: "We appeal to you against nefarious interventions and intrigues apt to provoke a new tragedy, similar to that in Palestine."

Seagrave Jailed For 'Aiding Enemy'

RANGOON, Wednesday (Reuter). — An American doctor, Gordon Seagrave, was sentenced here today to six years' rigorous imprisonment on a charge of "encouraging, harbouring and comforting" an enemy of the Burma Union.

He was also sentenced to one year's rigorous imprisonment under the high treason act for aiding an enemy by supplying medical equipment.

Dr. Seagrave, 51, who was born in Burma has practised medicine on the China border of Burma for nearly 20 years. He is the author of two best-selling books "Burma Surgeon" and "Burma Surgeon Returns."

Truman May Consult Congress on Troops

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (Reuter). — Congressional circles here believe President Truman will soon seek the approval of Congress for sending more American troops to join the North Atlantic forces.

The President maintains he has constitutional authority to carry out this policy without Congressional consent. A Republican group, led by Senator Robert Taft, questions this. In view of divided opinions throughout the nation, influential Democrats are urging the President to strengthen his position by a vote in Congress.

The Senate agreed today to take up next Tuesday a resolution by Republican Senator Wherry opposing the dispatch of troops without prior Congressional approval. The vote will be the first for the Senate on any of the questions springing from the great debate over American policy against possible Russian aggression.

TURKISH SPY HUNT

ANKARA, Wednesday (Reuter). — Turkish security police hunting "plotters against the state" have arrested 25 people since the weekend. The search has been going on throughout the country, particularly in military cadet schools.

Police said at first that the Communists were behind the conspiracy. But now they say "Mohammedan reactionaries" are involved.

Egged Bus Driver On Manslaughter Charge

TEL AVIV, Wednesday (ITIM) — Charged with manslaughter, an Egged driver, Meir Poslov, was brought before the District Court here today. According to the charge sheet, he failed to close the door after he picked up Mrs. Miriam Legnich near the Yad Hama'aviz quarter in April, 1950.

The woman fell out of the bus and under the rear wheels of the vehicle. She died on the way to hospital. Three eyewitnesses gave evidence today. The trial will be resumed tomorrow.

U.S. HOUSE of Representatives yesterday voted approval for the navy to build a giant aircraft carrier capable of launching planes carrying the atom bomb.

Cables in Brief

COAL stocks in Britain are are now sufficient for only two-and-a-half weeks, the Ministry of Fuel and Power announced yesterday.

EGYPT and the Soviet Union signed a new trade agreement yesterday under which Russia will sell Egypt 50,000 tons of wheat at £36.5 per ton.

URUGUAY and Egypt have established diplomatic relations, the Uruguay Foreign Ministry has announced. Cairo Radio announces the establishment of diplomatic relations also with Ecuador.

SPAIN and Iran will shortly exchange diplomatic missions, Madrid has announced.

80,000 members of Yugoslav People's Youth organizations will this year build a new 100 km. railway, the third to be built by youth brigades since the war.

CHESS — Over half-a-million people took part in the preliminary contest for an all-Russian chess tournament to be decided in final rounds which started in Leningrad yesterday.

Egyptian War Memoirs Banned

CAIRO, Wednesday (AFP). — The Egyptian government has ordered the suspension of publication of the memoirs of the former Commander-in-Chief of Egyptian Forces in Palestine, General Fuad Sadek Pasha. The memoirs had begun to appear in "Akhbar el Yom."

The chief editor of the publication, Mustafa Amin Bey, was questioned by the Prosecution Office regarding the texts, considered harmful to the country, but was released on bail.

REFUGEES IN LEBANON NOT TO BE CITIZENS

The Lebanese government has decided to reject a request to grant citizenship to thousands of Palestine Arab refugees living inside its boundaries, the Arab News Agency reported on Tuesday from Beirut.

Only in exceptional cases and after the approval of the Cabinet is given will citizenship be granted to refugees, the report stated.

3,000 Children in Winter Homes

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — The Korat Gag scheme has more than exceeded expectations. Its aim was to provide temporary winter homes for 6,000 children, but offers of accommodation have exceeded this figure. Some 3,400 families in towns and villages registered for winter wards, another 2,600 places were promised in settlements and kibbutzim, 400 were put at the disposal of the organizers of the plan by Youth Aliya while nearly 1,000 were offered by the Army authorities.

Because of various difficulties, only 3,000 children have so far been moved into their temporary homes. Of these, 500 were sent to Tel Aviv and another 500 to other towns and larger villages, a further 1,000 were sent to agricultural settlements, and the rest to other homes.

The difficulties arose mainly from the specific demands of families offering to take children, and from the organizers' desire not to split up families of brothers and sisters. The good weather has also resulted in many parents in camps and ma'abarot deciding not to send their children away for the winter. As most tents and huts in the camps stood up well to the rains two weeks ago, the camp population decided the children should stay with them. In a number of cases, parents later travelled to town and took their children back to camp with them.

To meet the possibility of a sudden rush to send children away when bad weather finally breaks, the Jewish Agency has kept in reserve some 1,000 places in Army camps, Youth Aliya homes and private houses, to ensure immediate shelter for any child.

Ship Detained By Court Order

HAIFA, Wednesday.—The s.s. Pine Ridge, flying the Honduras flag, was detained in Haifa Port following an order of the Jerusalem Court of Admiralty issued yesterday at the request of the Abi Shipping Company.

The company claims IL.1,250 for provisions supplied to the ship in Italy and Israel during 1950 and 1951.

Personal Notices

I hereby wish to express my sincere condolences and deepfelt sympathy to my old friend and dear partner, MR. ADOLF LOWENZON, on the loss of his father.

THEODOR WURMBRAND and family.

Haifa, January 17, 1951.

In deep sorrow we announce the passing away of our beloved husband, father and father-in-law,

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LET us face the issue squarely: Israel cannot afford at this time the luxury of a strike in the metal trades which might serve as an example for other industries.

BACK TO WORK

Strikes, lock-outs, picketing, demonstrations — these are not the slogans suited to the struggle to maintain our economic and political independence and hold our own in an international arena in which the giants are almost coming to blows. Common sense dictates that we shun like the plague all attitudes or actions which will split the Yishuv still further and cause grave harm, not only to the abstract "state," but to every man, woman and child, whether they live in town or village, in house or tent.

This is one of the times when a great effort has to be made by workers and employers to settle their differences. In other countries joint consultation procedures are highly developed and have successfully averted many a catastrophe without the need for appealing to Government intervention. Israel has a sufficiently proud record of pioneering, both in the organized labour movement and in the establishment of new private enterprises under difficult conditions, to justify the hope that the two sides may yet develop a sense of national responsibility and end the strike which is beginning this morning before it really gets under way.

The workers — and especially the lower-paid groups — are entitled to be guaranteed an income which will enable them to live and bring up their families under decent conditions, but ultimately more depends on the quality of their own work than on the outcome of agitation and negotiation. The standards of efficiency and productivity are much lower in Israel than in the leading industrial countries of the world. The recent expansion of Government activity in the direction of increasing the supply of skilled workers and stepping up productivity is to be welcomed, but the results of these efforts will not be apparent for some time. Meanwhile, the worker must be assured that the money which he earns—whether by way of basic or overtime pay or output premiums — possesses a real purchasing power. So long as our production figures remain as low as they are, while, at the same time inflationary wage increases pile up one upon the other, we shall never emerge from the unhappy situation in which too much spare money is chasing too few consumption goods. No workers' movement, however, will be prepared to agree to limit its wage demands if it is not certain that an equally vigorous curb is being placed on profits. The contention that the metal industries are in a position to increase their payrolls by thirty per cent indicates that there is still too wide a margin of profit in some cases. Our existing laws of price control and income tax must be more stringently applied. If there are imperfections in the administration of these laws, Government should regard it as a high priority to correct them. By convincing the trade unions beyond a shadow of doubt that in this time of national emergency there is fair treatment for both sides of industry, Government may yet induce both sides to reach an amicable settlement and thus avoid the worst suggestion that additional legislation is needed to control the situation.

LOWEST STANDARDS IN WESTERN EUROPE

Unemployment Baffles Italians

By Mario Rossi

RECENT declarations by Leon Dayton, head of the Economic Cooperation Administration Mission to Italy, have again focused the attention of the western world on Italy's main and foremost problem—unemployment. According to recent statistics the number of Italians registered as unemployed is more than 2,000,000, nor does this figure include persons who, even though unemployed, did not choose to register, nor persons only partially employed or whose salary is insufficient to support a family.

In this respect it must be borne in mind that Italy's standard of living is the lowest in Western Europe, being about one half that of France and one third that of England. It is about one fourth that of the United States.

Post War Unemployment

While the problem of unemployment has always been acute in Italy, after the war it reached unprecedented proportions, and even now the number of jobless is three times that during the Fascist period, if the comparative figures can be trusted.

Unemployment in Italy is the result of a continuing and serious disequilibrium between manpower and available resources. In fact, Italy has no raw materials or national resources worth speaking about. Most of its capital goods must be imported from abroad with a proportionate increase in the cost of production. This, in turn, causes Italian goods to compete unfavourably on the foreign market, thus limiting the availability of foreign currencies with which to pay for raw materials. It seems to be a vicious circle that Italian economists, so far, have been unable to break.

It is significant if the above is kept in mind, that the highest proportion of jobless is among industrial workers. Consequently, about one half of Italy's unemployed are in the northern regions.

In spite of this, however, the hardest hit are the poor, mainly agricultural southern regions, where unemployment is 25 per cent of the total, showing an increase of more than 500 per cent over 1939.

Unemployment in commerce and banking, on the other hand, is not only far lower — about 50,000 — but is considerably under the prewar figure. This is due to the considerable amount of business that followed the inflationary tendencies of the postwar period, when Italians, placing little faith in their currency, invested heavily in valuable goods. This also, incidentally, explains the present tremendous increase in bankruptcies.

It often has been suggested that an effective check on unemployment would result from smaller families. Yet apart from the fact that this would be a "long term" solution, since the labour market would not begin to feel its effect for another generation, statistics now reveal that Italy's birth rate is today one of the lowest in Europe. It is on a par with France's, traditionally an under-populated country, and is considerably lower than that of the United States.

Before the Fascist period, over-population was kept in check by mass emigration to the Americas. Today, no foreign country seems willing to absorb Italian labour for two main reasons. First, these countries have reached the point of saturation and have no need for foreign manpower. Second, the Italians wishing to emigrate are almost all unskilled workers that could not be usefully employed overseas.

SOCIALIST CHARMS

MILAN (ONA). — Ever since his daughter, Maria, 12, won the "Miss Italy" sweepstakes last summer, her father, Vittorio Bugliari, leading attorney here and Socialist party member, has acted as her personal secretary, answering fan mail and booking personal appearances. In return for those services, this week he asked Maria to come along to a party meeting and greet some of "the boys." One of "the boys" was 67-year-old Pietro Nenni, leftwing Socialist leader and former Vice Premier. After a long glance at Maria's manifest attractions, he told her father:

"At last I can die content. I've met a beautiful Socialist."

Most Jerusalemites are unaware that a government tree nursery is flourishing almost in the centre of the city, next to the Mamilla Pond. Photo by Braun

KEEPING POSTED

SHORTAGE of building material has delayed the opening of two new cinemas in Tel Aviv. Although the actual construction of the cinemas is now complete, there is still some hesitation about the interior decoration. It was planned to give the patrons an unheard of comfort...a grand carpet. However, as smoking is permitted in cinemas here the management was afraid of the possible damage or even of an outbreak of fire. Following the example of London cinemas, they had ordered hundreds of ashtrays to be affixed to the back of the seats, but second thoughts about younger patrons who have been in the habit of flicking burning cigarette ends onto the stage caused them to change their minds. They have now brought to the attention of the municipality the custom in Paris and other parts, where smoking in cinemas is strictly forbidden, so we may yet expect the carpet.

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THE chewing, sucking, and cracking of various sweetmeats is a cinema bugbear

the world over, but has never approached the gigantic scale on which sunflower seeds are consumed here. An indignant reader writes that even respectable people (the accent is ours) have been won over to this cheap and overplentiful fare. In Tiberias recently, a courageous actor at the Chamber Theatre threatened to discontinue the performance if the audience persisted in their thunderous cracking of the seeds.

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TEMPTED by a cry of "who'll start me?" as we were strolling through Jaffa last week, we joined 50 other curious and interested citizens at that city's only public auction. There were no replies to the call. The amiable, fast-talking auctioneer from London told us that the Israel public was not familiar with an auction, and had no confidence that they could get something for the best price. The auctioneer said he would try anything that was not "junk." So far he has had only cars and trucks "on the block." He evidently forgot his gavel in London, for he knocks down a sale with just his pencil. Israel customers are tough. "They hear the reserved price and immediately start dealing between themselves!"

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ONE of our colleagues who arrived in Tel Aviv in the early hours of the morning, went hungrily in search of breakfast and entered a small restaurant. The proprietor commented on his rumpled condition and on being informed that the correspondent had just got in from Elath, plied him with questions about everybody and everything at Israel's youngest port. In the meantime he served our friend with a magnificent breakfast. Finally he refused to accept any payment, saying that it was a pleasure to have a guest who had been to Elath. For obvious reasons, our friend refuses to disclose the restaurant's name.

THE government, which is now busily issuing income tax forms in preparation for the yearly ingathering, might well take a leaf from the tax-file of Mayor Oya of Osaka, Japan, who recently solved his tax delinquency problems by issuing an emergency decree which would send all offenders with an income above a certain minimum, to work out their tax arrears as garbage collectors, workers at the municipal incinerator plant, or as grave diggers. The Mayor claims arrears were paid up within 72 hours.

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THOSE who think our streets on the drab side will soon be relieved to see

much more colour. Some workers, having been supplied with additional clothing points for a pair of trousers and a shirt, find that they can get for them only orange trousers and a very green shirt. Taken separately, these garments are perhaps not so bad, but the combination can give a man quite an astonishing appearance, and a gang of road labourers in their new finery may attract a crowd. When one of our correspondents hesitated over the outfit, the shopkeeper told him that anyway Purim was coming.

Today's contributors include: H. Ben Adi, Beersheba; V.P. and E.M., Tel Aviv; Miriam Marse, Ramat Gan; and Mela Elasany, Jerusalem.

A PILGRIM'S TALE

By Theodore F. Meyers

"I GOT this wrist watch — 18 carat gold and 17 rubies—in the Old City for £11," my friend Yussuf told me when he came back from the Orthodox Christmas pilgrimage to Bethlehem. "And I got rubber boots for the family for £1.300 a pair." Yussuf had gone with his wife and two children, and everybody had been allowed to change IL.3 at Mandelbaum Gate before they crossed the frontier. I figured that that still left him £2.900 short on his purchases. He said that naturally the pilgrims had made suitable arrangements beforehand. Jordanian Dinars could be bought in Israel at the rate of IL.2 apiece, which was not so very expensive considering that the old Palestine pound issued at Mandelbaum Gate was worth only 900 mils on the other side, and that no more than 350 mils were paid there for an Israel pound.

The 700 pilgrims who crossed the line on this occasion had an average of about £7 in their pockets, Yussuf thought, and every penny of that money was spent in the Old City during the 24 hours of the pilgrimage. It must have been quite a shot in the arm for the Old City, he said, where business has been very slow lately. "May be that's why they were so liberal about letting pilgrims in this year," he added. "Nobody minded our taking out anything we could carry," Yussuf confirmed. "The customs people just said 'go and eat in peace'."

Prices Quotes

I found it difficult to get any coherent account of the Bethlehem ceremonies from my pilgrim because he kept returning enthusiastically to the prices of mutton and fowl, rice and sugar. I succeeded in breaking into this story of a gourmand's paradise for long enough to ask what a cook like him would be earning there today. "About £10 a month," he agreed, sadly, and his expression reminded me of the story they used to tell in the days before 1933, when many Austrian journalists had deserted Vienna for the fleshpots of Berlin. "Here I pay a full mark for that disgusting brew they give you at the Romanische Cafe," they would say, "and in Vienna a cup of the best coffee in the world costs only 60 groschen." If anybody asked them why they didn't go back, they replied "and where would I get 60 groschen in Vienna?"

Kabab and Chops

On much the same principle Yussuf agreed that he was better off in Jewish Jerusalem with his £60 a month than he would be in the Old City..."but still, you know, only ten minutes walk from where we are standing I paid 400 mils for a wonderful meal for four, kabab and chops and..."

They had also spent 600 mils for a taxi to take them along the Arab "Burma road" to Bethlehem, a drive that takes almost an hour nowadays. The Basilica was crowded, and in the end they decided to spend the evening with Yussuf's brother, who is a shoemaker in Bethlehem. He can still make a pair of shoes for £1.400, but there are very few people in Bethlehem nowadays who can afford that much for a pair of shoes.

Shopkeepers over there, Yussuf explained, were just as interested in the prices of industrial goods in Israel as the visitors were in the cost of foodstuffs. They thought our prices rather high, but figure that in any kind of barter of industrial goods against food both parties could make an excellent thing out of it. "In fact all we need is peace," he concluded sagely.

Readers' Letters

AGRICULTURAL AID

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — Up-to-date technical aids will enable Government to develop agriculture, especially in the Negev. Since sandy soil affects agricultural tools and tractor parts, I take the liberty of asking whether Government knows of a process which prolongs the life of such tools up to thirty times.

Tractor parts such as rollers, drive sprockets, idler wheels etc., wear down quickly and must be changed at regular intervals. Instead of throwing them away as we do they could remain in use many times longer than the most expensive replacements.

If approximately $5,000 was spent on the import of the necessary materials for the "Stoody" hard surfacing process, about 250,000 dollars could be saved in foreign currency for the purchase of spare parts. The Ministry of Agriculture is well aware of the importance of this process. I received a letter from them recommending it, and yet it is unwilling to approve an import licence for the necessary materials which include tungsten, cobalt, chromium, vanadium, molybdenum, etc.

How much longer, under present conditions, will we be able to import the required spare parts?

Yours, etc., *D.E. LANDAU*
Tel Aviv, Jan. 16.

FOREIGN DIPLOMAS

To the Editor of The POST

Sir,—I qualified as a nurse in Bulgaria in 1947. When I arrived in Israel I joined the army and served in the medical corps with the rank of "Segen."

After my discharge from the army I applied for a government post and was refused because my training course in Bulgaria took only two years and not three years as in Israel and some other countries. Now I have to work as a "practical," i.e., not qualified, nurse at a time when the shortage is so acute. Why shouldn't a Bulgarian diploma be recognized as many other foreign ones are? Yours, etc.,
SARAH FILOSOPH
Jaffa, Jan. 12.

THEATRE TICKETS

To the Editor of The POST

Sir,—In October I bought two tickets for the "Chamber Theatre" performance of "Ever Since Paradise," from a theatrical agency. The performance which was scheduled for October 11 was postponed at the last moment and has not been given yet.

When I asked for a refund of money, I was told that I should have applied a few weeks before, when tickets were exchanged for the performance of the "Revisor" or the money refunded. Since I had seen the "Revisor," I did not apply for an exchange of tickets. As for a refund, I was told (and not too civilly) that I should "write to the Chamber Theatre."

To whom am I to complain?
Yours, etc.,
A.L.
Name and address supplied.
Jerusalem, Jan. 14.

THE BEST I CAN

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — Recently I had the misfortune of losing my handbag containing money and a pregnancy ration card for clothes. Out of the 70 points allocated to me I had already used 30 for a maternity dress and had kept the balance for the baby's clothes.

I reported the loss to the police and also advertised in the newspapers. When I applied to the rationing board for the 40 (lost) points I was told that "ration points are like money, when you lose them you have to do the best you can without them."

What can I do now but buy either ration points or clothing on the black market? I am not looking forward to this additional expense or to encouraging black market, but in the words of the clerk at the rationing board I will do "the best I can without the ration points."

Yours, etc.,
PAULA STENDEL
Jerusalem, Jan. 15.

CHRISTIAN JEWS

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — I am very grateful to you for publishing my letter about "Christian Jews" in your issue of today. However, there was one mistake which I beg you to correct. In the sentence "and who realize that there is room in Israel for a community of Christian Jews" the word "no room," which is misleading and not my opinion, was inserted. Yours, etc.,
REV. J. BLUM
Jerusalem, Jan. 16.

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